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In re Continuation of PCT Application of PCT/CA99/00658

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Examiner:

For: TIMING ATTACK RESISTANT CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, insert -- This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/CA99/00658, filed July 21, 1999 and claims the benefit of Canadian application number 2,243,761, filed July 21, 1998, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference. --

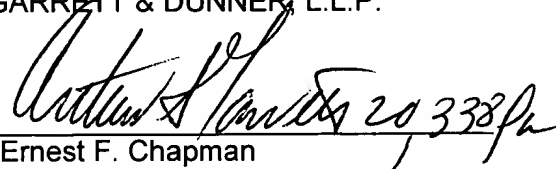
**REMARKS**

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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